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COMMUNICATION.

Mr. Editor:

Your reporter in commenting in a recent issue of the MEMORIAL on the marriage of Albert Mortimer Watson, which took place on Clark's Island, stated that it was the first marriage on that island. I think that he is in error. John Watson, who lived on Clark's Island had a daughter, Lucia, born in 1776, who married in 1799 John Taylor of Barnstable, and there is no reason to doubt that her marriage was celebrated at her home. She had a son, William Taylor, who married Elizabeth Robbins Vila of Boston, and who was the grandfather of Mr. Albert Mortimer Watson's bride.

In connection with Clark's Island, it may be interesting to refer to its neighboring promontory the "Saquish." On the 23d of December, 1742, Robert Bartlett conveyed to Benjamin Hanks "for the consideration of seven hundred pounds, old tenor, seven-eighths of the upland and beach of the island Saquish, together with all the dwelling house, barn and fences on said island standing." On the 26th of June, 1745, Nathaniel Thomas "in consideration of eighty pounds in bills of credit of New England conveyed to Benjamin Hanks one eighth part of the upland of a place commonly called "Saquish," with all his right in the Beach until it comes to a place in said Beach called the 'Forts.'"

Benjamin Hanks, who first came to Plymouth about 1699, had for a time before the purchase of Saquish lived in Pembroke, where his son William, with perhaps other children, were born, William Hanks was the grandfather of Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln. After several years' residence at Saquish, Benjamin Hanks sold it to Lazarus LeBaron on the first of May, 1746. These facts are interesting, as showing that Saquish was once the residence of the great greatgrandfather of President Lincoln, and also as confirming the well known tradition that Saquish was once an island as laid down in Champlain's map of 1605 a copy of which may be seen as a frontispiece in "Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth."

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